

# Memoranda

Bird Rock, Santa  
Catalina Is.

10-11 May. 1968



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land 1830 10 May.

No place to drag the  
raft up, so went back  
to the ship & brought out  
2 sailors to take raft  
back in.

75-85 Western Gulls.  
ca. 10 Br. Pelicans

West. Gull nests

one Sabine's Gull, 1 House Finch  
several Barn Swallows.

W. Gull one w/3  
About 10 nests (<sup>3</sup> w/1 egg, <sup>two</sup> ~~one~~  
w/2), rest empty, few  
other scrapes. Nests look  
deserted, one with egg broken  
in by rocks as if someone



chucked the rocks in to  
break them.

Island is solid rocky, but  
no loose rocks for crevices.  
the entire top dome is  
covered with a dense stand  
of 2 species of *Opuntia* and  
a broad leaf plant. Looks  
very formidable for any-  
thing such as storm  
petrels. The gulls have  
their nests around  
the periphery of this  
cactus patch. Apparently  
nothing nests within  
it due to its density.

Four to 5 % of the  
Western Gulls are  
immatures



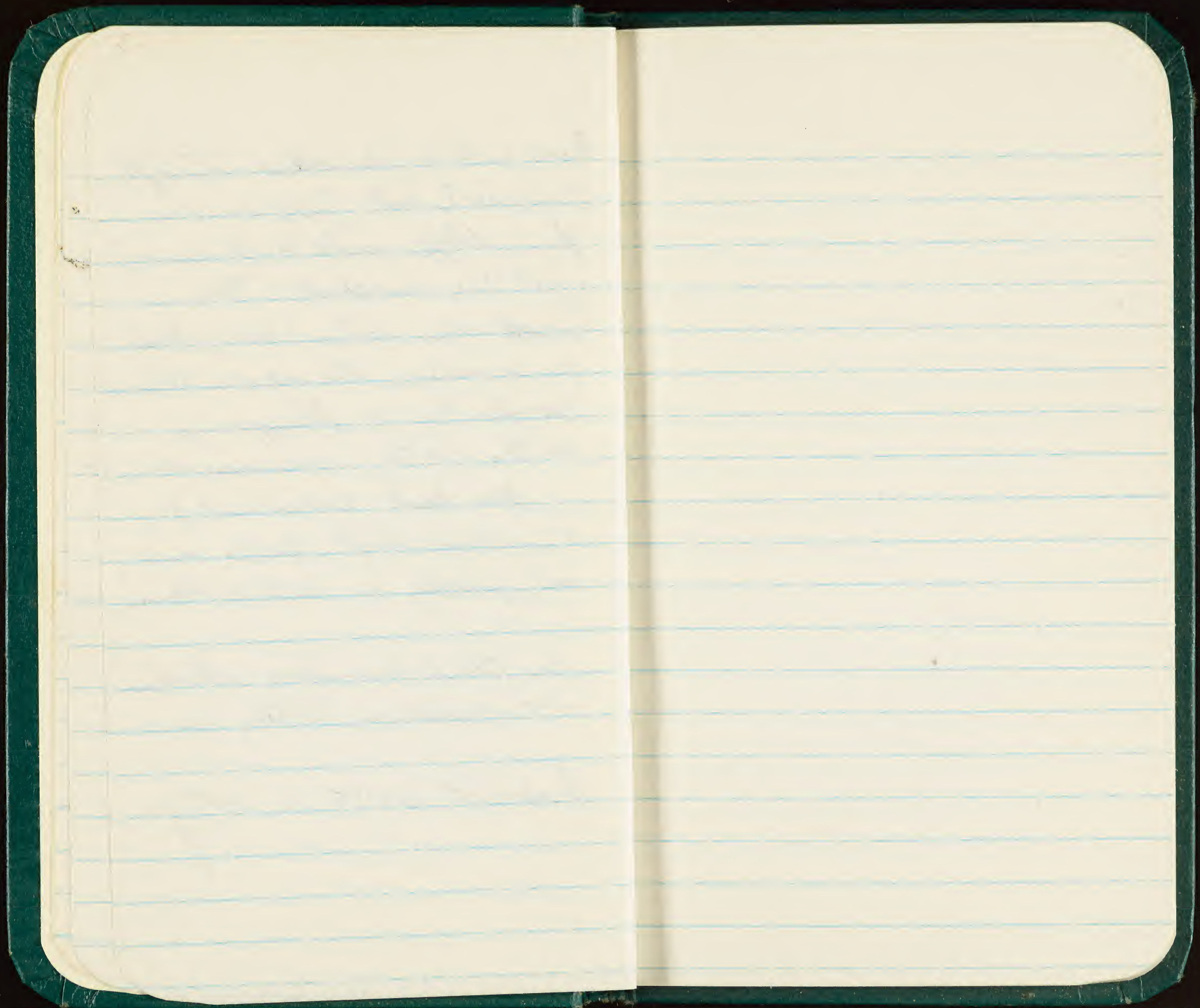
two white-throated Swift,  
one shot, but fell on the  
far cliff side and could  
not be reached. The  
bird was only wounded  
and swam to shore about  
20 yds by a flapping  
on the water maneuver.

One dead Cormorant sp.,  
few dead West. Gulls and  
one, possibly 2 dead Br. Pelicans.

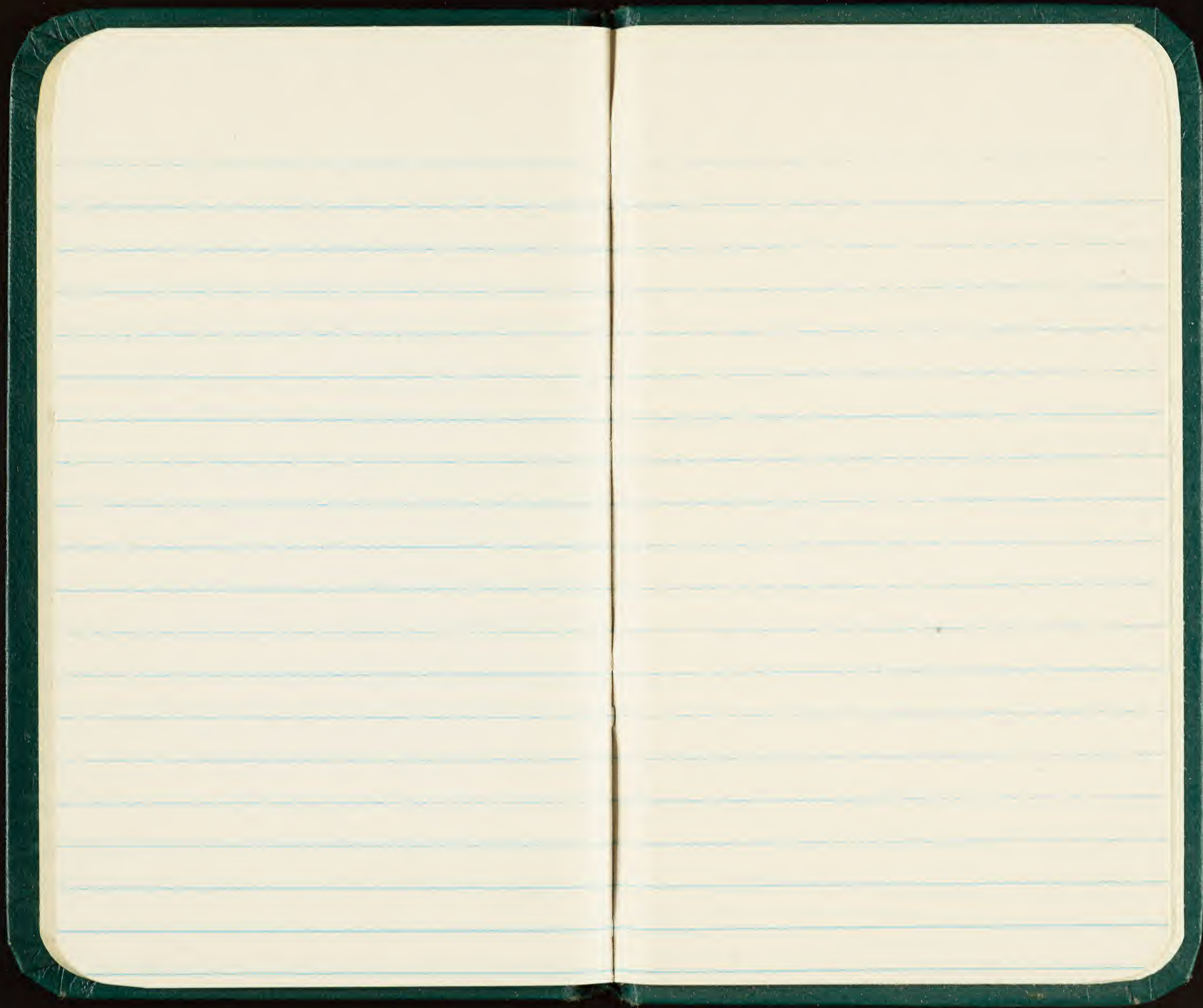
One Black Turnstone collected  
one wandering Tattler seen.

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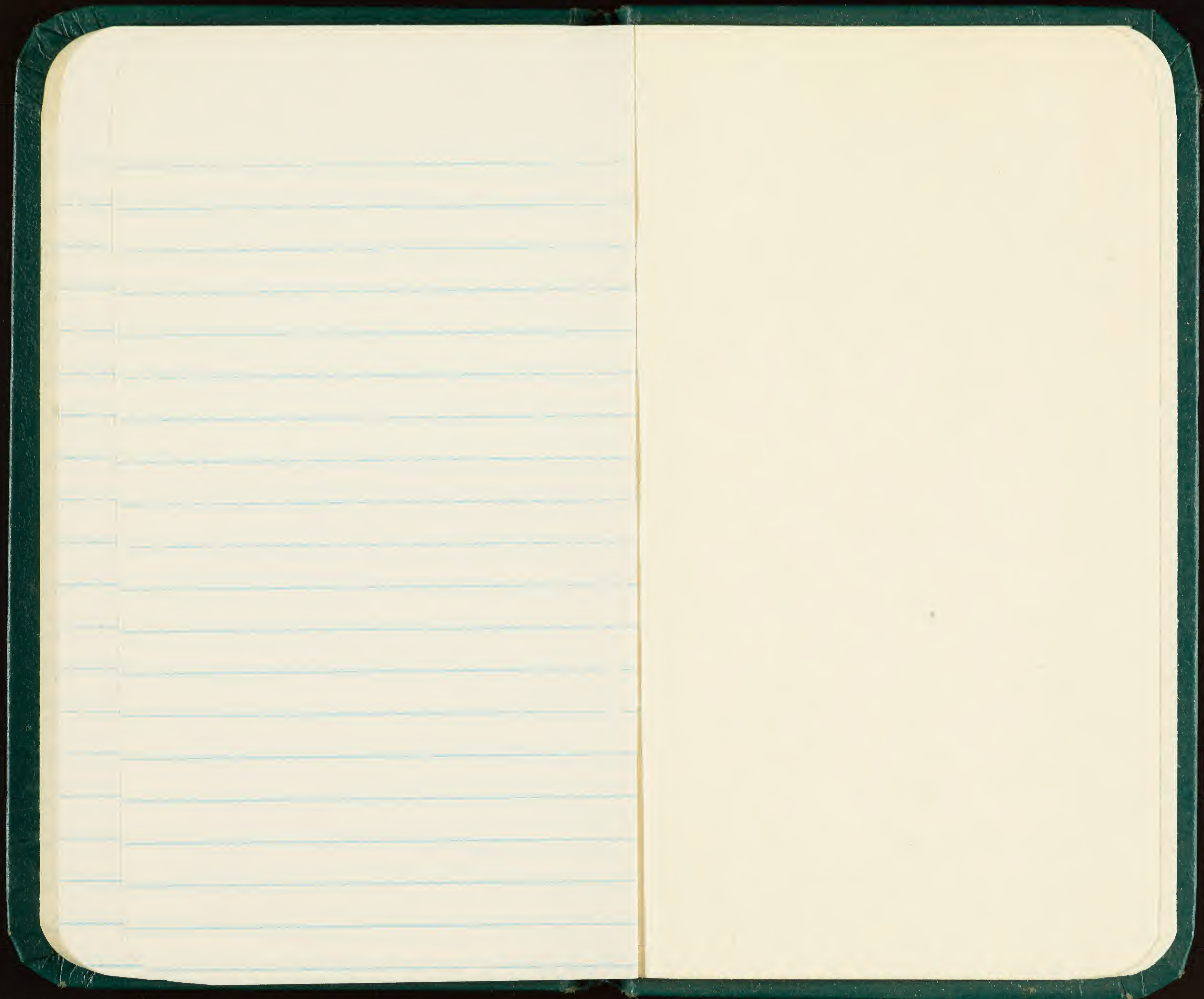




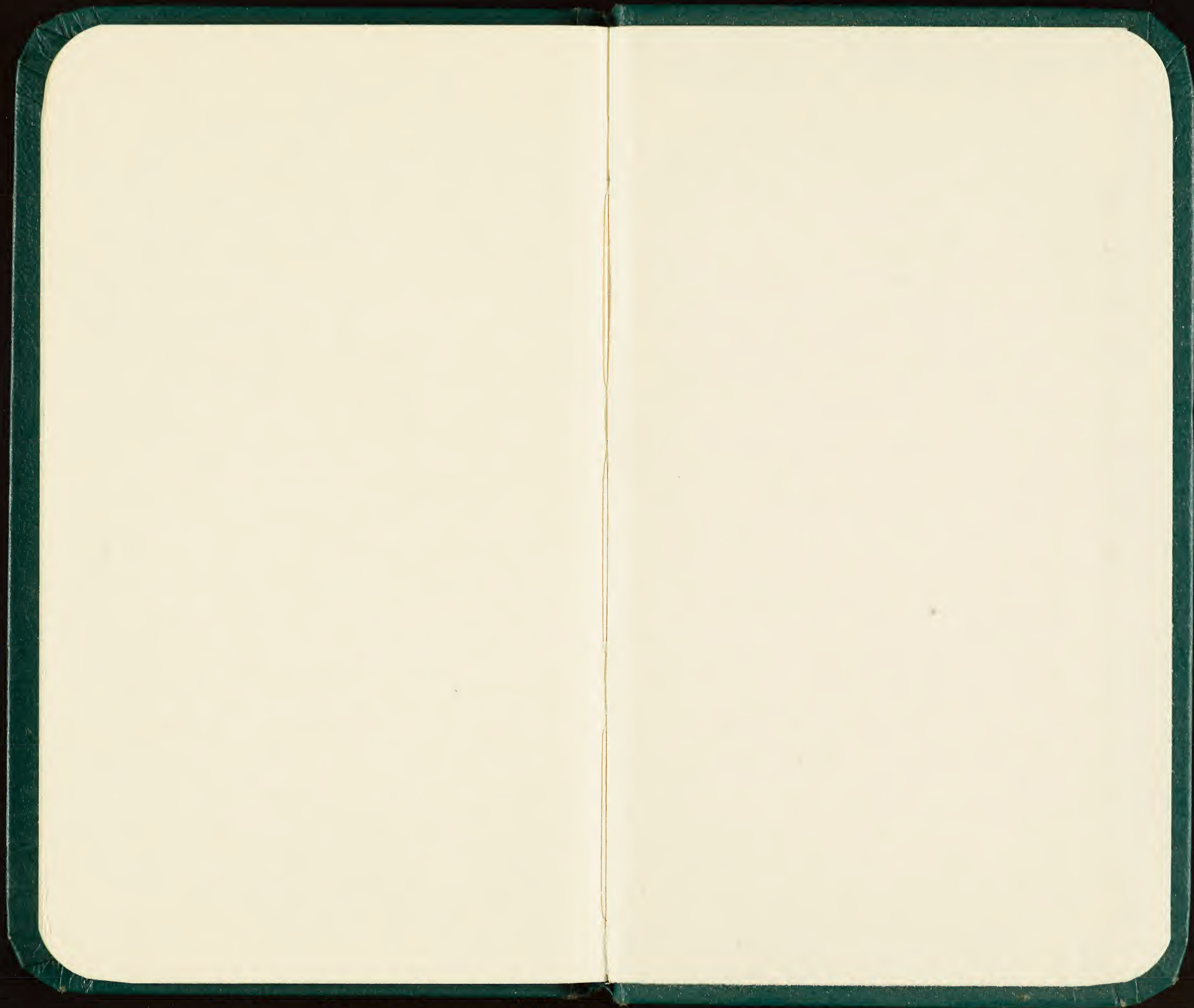














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